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From the Casket.

LINES TO ELLEN.

BY JOHN C. M'CABE.

She was one of those beautiful beings we meet with once in a long life time; and part with too soon! whose large black eye sends its silent, (oh no!) its thrilling eloquence to the soul of man; whose voice like the Æolean harp, captivates the spirit with its wild warbling numbers;—in short, whose form and action would lead us to suppose some spirit from the abodes of the blessed, had come to point to erring man the pathway from the earth to the skies.

Heaven would be surpassing lovely with but one such to tread its sapphired floors with.

Thou'rt young and beautiful, sweet girl,
And o'er that polished neck of thine,
In many a love fraught glossy curl
The rival raven ringlets twine.

And o'er that brow so pure and white,
Young hope her joyous lines doth trace,
In characters so chaste and bright,
That we may not, cannot efface.

Yet why of we? dear Ellen, why?
No sorrow shall that bosom know,
No tear of anguish dim thine eye,
Or mine shall freely wish it flow.

Around thy path may lovely flowers,
Spontaneous throw their bursting bloom;
On Benjah pinions pass thy hours,
Without one cloud thy soul to gloom.

And when in death, that large dark eye
Of thine shall glaze, oh breathe for me,
One little prayer, that when I die,
I may but die, sweet girl like thee!

Farewell! the sunshine's all thine own,
The storm is mine; farewell! farewell!
My back is on life's ocean blown,
The plaything of each rival swell.

The Drop Scene.

BY THE REV. MOBART CAUNTER.

I had at all times a restless propensity for practical jokes, but I have lived long enough to find that, "like young chickens, they always come home to roost." Experience is a stern disciplinarian; she is perverse, but nurse is wisdom, and but for her sage lessons, how often should I have disgraced my grey hairs by frolics which were once dear to my heart, and which I have only relinquished because I so frequently found that they left either a sting or a bitter behind.

Propensities and antipathies are merely converse qualities of our moral nature, both equally difficult to subdue. It is perhaps impossible to struggle against either with any certainty of success, until the actual cautery of experience, has been long enough applied to deaden the one, or correct the other. My propensities in early life were always active. There was a natural vehemence in my moral temperament, which I found it scarcely possible to control; and both in mind and body I felt a restless impatience for action, which was perpetually involving me in some difficulty or danger. Nothing could exceed the delight which I took in the execution of a practical joke; and to praise my dexterity in an acquirement so perfectly unexclusive, was at once to open the nearest passage to my heart. With me this propensity was an absolute monomania. I was never cured of my fits of agreeable delirium, without being subjected to the discipline of a shorn crown or a strait waistcoat. I have made up my mind, as a penance for past folly, to record my own shame, by telling how I was cured of my volatile propensities.

I was born in a village in Staffordshire, in the vicinity of numerous coal-pits, into which I had descended with that eager thirst of curiosity so prevalent in young and ardent minds. To me the scene was new and inspiring; and when I gazed upon the wonders beneath the earth, I derived from them a greater zest in contemplating the wonders above it. I took infinite delight in listening to the superstitious legends of "goblins damned," so readily and gravely related by the old pitmen; and these subterranean tenements were the frequent resort of my holiday hours. As I was of an active and buoyant temperament, excitement with me was the one thing needful, the ne plus ultra of moral enjoyment; and that particular excitement occasioned by the plan and execution of a practical jest, was above all things what I most dearly loved. This was in truth but a childish predilection; nevertheless, it grew up with the man; so that though in my adolescent year I could truly say, that "I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child," yet I could not predicate of myself that "when I became a man I put away childish things." Matrimony it was thought would sober my restless and mercurial habits, and I was accordingly, soon drawn within the circumscribed boundaries of a domestic circle. I was still, however, for a joke, in spite of connubial bliss; and my wife, who was as good humored and affectionate as she was beautiful, only laughed at my hallucinations, and persuaded her friends to do the like, which gave a stimulus to my habits, and this increased momentum soon brought them to a climax.

On the eve of some great day, as I well remember—the annual fair of a neighboring town, or something as eventful—the workmen of a large pit near my rustic dwelling had obtained leave to work during the night, in order that they might be free to enjoy the fun of the fair next day. I accordingly determined to descend into the pit at the "witching time of night," in the character of a goblin, and terrify these dark rustics, in order to quicken their relish for the day's pleasures. I prepared the necessary disguise, and tied it up in a dark bandanna, and having arranged with a friend to assist in my descent into the valley of black diamonds, waited that much dreaded hour.

"When churchyards yawn, and graves give up their dead,"

with most restless impatience. I almost counted the moments; but time, as if to mock my anxiety, seemed to have folded his wings, and

"Like a wounded snake, drag his slow length along."

Anxiety is never comatose; I had therefore no desire to sleep, for the fever of anticipation had got so strong a hold upon me, that my pulse outran the tickling of the clock by at least sixty in a minute. The hand of the dial [illegible] joy, at length pointed to three quarters past eleven, when I sallied forth, and my friend at the mouth of the pit, awaiting my arrival. It was a beautiful moonlight night. The heavens were starred and cloudless. In spite of my sinister project, I could not be insensible to the loveliness of the scene around me. The blue vault of heaven was studded with innumerable stars, sparkling with light and life, radient in celestial beauty, and recording in a language mute indeed, but universally intelligible, the omnipotence of Him who hung their glories in the firmament, as the paragons of his creation. Where can we so legibly read the power and wisdom of the Godhead, as in the language of the skies, when night is hanging out her lamps on the wide battlements of heaven, and its azure plains stream with the effulgence of their glories? There is a vital loveliness in the clear, calm, moonlight, which at once lifts the soul to the God of its existence, and makes it exult in the consciousness that it is a part of that mighty scheme of motion and intelligence, by which it is surrounded, and in which it is absorbed. The beauty of the scene still lingers upon my memory; nor was I so entirely engrossed by the anticipations of a droll adventure, as to have abandoned all relish for beauties which have never failed to kindle in my bosom the most impressive emotions of wonder and admiration.

The mouth of the pit was encircled by a rude rail. The mode of descent was by a rope fastened to a windlass; at the end of which was a piece of strong chain, terminated by a cross bar of iron. As I had been accustomed in my boyish days to descend into these dark and dismal excavations by a similar mode of conveyance, I had no fears upon the present occasion in repeating the freak. My friend placed himself at the windlass in order to regulate my progress, and having first dropped my bundle into the pit, I fixed my feet firmly on the bar at the end of the chain, and commenced my somewhat perilous descent. The harsh creaking of the crazy machine, as the tightened rope gradually unwound from the wooden cylinder round which it was rolled, seemed amidst the silence of midnight, like the muttering of unquiet spirits

"Doom'd for a stated time to walk by night,"

when

"Upon a corner of the moon
There hangs a vaporous drop profound;"

and a tremor of something like dread came over me when light was entirely excluded from my view, and the very "blackness of darkness" fearfully closed in around me. My progress appeared to be extremely rapid, so much so, that I felt a sudden faintness steal upon me, but this soon passed; yet when I considered that my safety depended upon the strength of a rope scarcely more than an inch in diameter, I confess I felt for a moment that my life was held upon a very uncertain tenure, and the throbbings of my heart become almost painfully accelerated. It was by this time so dark that I could not distinguish the sides of the shaft, while the small fragments of earth which occasionally fell as they were disturbed by my progress, sounded in my ears with a loud and terrifying indistinctness, like the multiplied re-percussion of echoes amid the vaults of a cemetery.

I had not been long on the rope when, to my great surprise, I found my progress suddenly arrested. I waited for a few moments with much impatience, under the idea that some impediment had arisen in the machine above, but finding, after a lapse of several minutes, that the rope, on which I was balanced still continued stationary, I concluded that I had reached the bottom of the shaft, and prepared to quit the chain. I forebore calling to my friend above, lest I should alarm the pitmen, and thus at once expose myself to their coarse raillery, and mar my own diversion. I now became keenly sensible that I had done a very foolish thing in venturing by night into a pit which I had not examined by day, and some very unpleasant apprehensions began to steal over me; however, summoning my resolution, and persuading myself that I must be within a yard at most of terra firma, I slid down the chain until my hands grasped the cross bar, when, to my utmost consternation and horror, my feet rested upon nothing and I found myself swinging with the most fearful oscillation in the "empty air." I stretched myself to my utmost length, but in vain. I still swung, and there appeared to be a supernatural power in the dark void around me, dragging, me down into the gulf beneath;—the whole mass of my blood seemed as it were to circulate only downward, and I became, for the first time, most painfully sensible of my own gravitation. That mysterious principle, by which all material objects are attracted to one common centre, appeared to be increased a thousand fold, and I already fancied that I saw my brains whitening the black pavement below. My blood curdled. I strove to regain my former position on the chain but found myself unable to raise my body to a sufficient elevation as to enable me to grasp it above the bar from which I was suspended. My arms were stretched to their utmost tension, and I felt all the pangs of luxation. My sensations were appalling. It seemed as if an enormous weight were attached to my extremities, and the most fearful noises met my ears, as though the dismal ministers of doom were exulting in the near possession of their victim. It was clear that I could not long maintain my hold. I shuddered; my temples were bedewed with drops of bitter agony. My eyes, stretched open to their utmost extent, could still distinguish nothing in the pitchy void around me. My tongue was parched with the violence of my exertions. How did I curse my folly in having wantonly brought myself into such jeopardy! What a situation! To hang between time and eternity, about to drop from one into the other, and to quit reality for uncertainty; to be suspended over a dark and horrible pit, were no eye could behold my sufferings but His to whom "darkness and light are both alike;" about to perish, without one expression of consolation or of sympathy from her who was the depository of my tenderest affections, though I had so often laughed at her gentle rebukes whenever she attempted to check the exuberance of my boyish will. Reflections rushed like a whirlwind through my brain; though the period of my involuntary suspension had been but a few minutes, as many painful thoughts crowded into my mind, as under ordinary circumstances would have filled up the melancholy void of years. I remembered my child and groaned—"Thou wilt soon be fatherless, my boy, and thy father"—Oh God! What a reflection. Tears, scalding and bitter, streamed down my heated cheeks, but I had no hand to dash them off, for although I felt destruction to be near, I still clung to life with that instinctive energy which is common alike to the coward and the brave, in the hour of extremity. I thought for the first time, upon my iniquities, and felt that I had a fearful reckoning to make with Him before whom I was about to appear, but for which I was altogether unprepared. How should I meet that omnipresent which had read my inmost thoughts, and therefore knew, but too well, that I had rather been a worshiper of the idols of this world, than of Him who "founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods." A pang pierced through my bosom as my mind confusedly reverted to my spiritual insecurity. The possibility of what my futurity might be, flashed like a stream of lightning through my brain. I shouted to my friend above—in vain. He heard me not. Feeling my strength fast deserting me, I concentrated all my energies in one resolved effort, and lifting myself above the bar made a plunge at the chain. The endeavor was unavailing; I missed my hold, and from the violence of the exertion, was swung round and round with a velocity that almost deprived me of consciousness. I now hung by one hand over the dark abyss. I felt that I had but a few moments between life and death. My brain reeled; I put up a short prayer to heaven, and scarcely conscious of the action, unclasped the bar, and dropped into the terrible abyss. I was all but insensible when I fell, yet a something of consciousness remained to me and it appeared to my fading fancy that I was some time whirling in the air before I met the earth. My senses now utterly deserted me. When I recovered them, I found myself supported on the smutty knee of a pitman, who was chafing my temples with fingers that had not known the wholesome application of water since their hebdomadal ablution just five days before. I gazed around me with an expression of stupified amazement. I looked up, and saw the awful chain swinging scarcely a yard above my head; and upon putting myself in the position I had just so fearfully quitted I discovered to my inexpressible surprise and mortification, that from the distance between my toe and the ground, when my body was at its utmost stretch—I had fallen from the prodigious height of TWO INCHES!!

THE SWALLOW.

Whither away, companion of the sun,
So high thou laughing morn! are those soft clouds
Of floating silver, which appear to shun
Day's golden eye, thy house? or why 'mid shrouds
Of loosen'd light, dost thou pour forth thy song?
Descend, sun-loving bird! nor try thy strength thus long.

Ambitious songster! soaring merrily,
Thy wings keep time to thy rich music's flow,
Rolling along the clouds celestially,
And echoing o'er the hill's oak-waving brow;
Across the flood, whose face reflects the sky,
And there, a warbling speck deep-mirror'd from on high.

And thou has't vanished singing from my sight—
So must this earth be lost to eyes of thine;
Around thee is illimitable light—
Thou looked down, and all appears to shine
Bright as above; thine is a glorious way,
Pavilion'd all around with golden-spreading day!

The broad unbounded sky is all thine own,
The silver-sheeted heavens thy free domain;
No land-mark there—no hand to bring thee down,
Sole monarch of the blue ethereal plain;
To thee is airy space far-stretching given,
Broad and unmeasured as the boundless vault of heav'n!

And thou art gone, perchance to catch the sound
Of angel voices heard far up the sky;
And will return harmonious to the ground,
Then with new music, taught by those on high,
Ascend again, and carol o'er the bowers
Of woodbines waving sweet, and wild bee-headed flowers.

Lov'st thou to sing alone, above the dews?
Leaving the nightingale to cheer the night,
When rides the moon, chasing the shadowy hues
From lest'ning vales, far stretched in silent night;
She veils her head, while thou art with the sun,
Looking beneath on hills, and woods, where deep streams run.

Lost of the sky, farewell! 'till I again
Climb these cloud-gazing hills, thou must not come
To where I dwell, nor pour thy heav'n-caught strain
Above the cutting of my smoky home;
Others may hear thee, see thee, yet not steal
That joy from thy glad song, which it is mine to feel.

From the Casket.

HOPE.

BY LYMAN WALBRIDGE TRASK.

Hope, according to Dr. Webster, is a desire of something good, accompanied at least, with a slight expectation of obtaining it; or a belief that it is attainable. Hope, differs from wish or desire, in this, that it always implies some expectation of obtaining the good desired, or the possibility of possessing it. Hope, therefore always gives pleasure or joy, whereas wish or desire may produce or be accompanied with pain or anxiety.

The present is full of sorrows and vicissitudes—the past is a book bearing record of almost unparalleled turpitude and crime; of distress and anguish,—of uncertainty, misfortune, and disappointment. When we turn over the pages of the past, we are convinced beyond a doubt, of the uncertainty of human affairs, and are constrained almost to cower beneath the withering influence and cold unmerciful grasp of despair! Do you read of a nation, in the highest bloom of prosperity—peruse the page a little farther, and some error, crime, mismanagement, or fatality, will reduce it to a depopulated desert—a field for tygers or hyenas—or savage barbarians! Did men co-operate for the amelioration of their condition of their race,—conscious of the noblest generosity and philanthropy,—still, they died the death of Socrates or Stephen—fell beneath the poisoned arrows of persecution, and their systems crumbled into atoms. Did a man engage in an honourable pursuit—and persevere with devotion,—still some sinister circumstance prostrated him in the dust. A bounding ship spurning the billows that dashed by her side, sailed with streaming banners from her port—but she returned no more—the hurricane made her its sport, and the foaming waves engulphed her forever! An individual, individual, engaged in the most laudable enterprise, of increasing the stock of human knowledge and happiness by discovery in travels or voyages, and perished on polar icy mountains—desert islands, or among tropical savage barbarians. MERCIFUL HEAVENS! it seems that this world is the grave of every thing high,—noble,—generous—and philanthropic!—It seems that the past is only a history of prosperity in mourning,—of honesty in rags,—of virtue in sackcloth,—of friendship violated,—of love unrequited—of confidence betrayed,—of prospects blasted,—of enterprises defeated,—and of the highest and most generous feelings of the human mind in ruins, by the blighting influence of uncertainty and disappointment! But there must be some animating influence to keep us from despair, and is not that the contemplation of the future? The past and the present are dark gloomy and fearful—but the future must be delightful, or we should absolutely sink to the lowest depths of despair. No, it is not. The past is full of fearfulness, and the present full of misery—the future carries in its bosom, a thousand unrevealed—latent sorrows. How many a heart is doomed to be broken, and many a spirit of energetic power to quail, beneath the long catalogue of miseries stored away in the dark, impenetrable and mysterious future! In view of the miseries of the past—who can contemplate the future with pleasure? Perhaps, we have escaped the miseries of years that have rolled by us, but who will give us indemnification for those years that are to come? Who can do it? Perhaps, we are now treading on the grassy turf beneath which an earthquake slumbers, which will break forth and involve us in destruction. Perhaps, our honourable exertions may not be prospered; perhaps our present happy condition as a nation, or as individuals, may not exist one day longer. Perhaps our social family circles may be invaded by the hand of death, and the cheering voices of surpassing melody be hushed in the cold damp grave. The experience of the past reveals to us with considerable certainty—that our highest pleasures may be blighted—that our present independence and comfort, may soon end in dependence and misery. And that our present unhappy condition (if we are so circumstanced) may continue. It is clear, then, that the miseries—perplexities—and uncertainties incident to our existence in this world, would merge us in despair—would paralize all our exertions, and render us nothing more than passive statues—without any incentive to action,—if it were not for the existence of some powerful principle to counteract the influence of the evil and unhappy circumstances which surround us. That animating principle is *hope*. It smiles at despair,—warms and invigorates us,—like an angel of benevolence, it comforts the afflicted,—dries the briny water of sorrow from the eye,—chases the wan, ghostly picture of despair from the cheek,—smooths the agony of disease and death,—cheers the wanderer,—animates and beautifies the green bowers of home,—makes icy mountains or burning deserts in some degree to be borne,—gives pleasure in youth—support in manhood—and comfort in old age. Like the angel of Spring, it beautifies—and embellishes. Nature, and every glen, mountain, valley and stream, awakens more exquisite pleasure—and gives rise to innumerable associations—from that inspiring, pleasing, enchanting angel of our happiness—that delightful principle of HOPE! Its benefits are incalculable;—it exerts its influence upon every mind—extends to every scene and department in life, the high and the low, the rich and the poor participate in its benefits. From the first dawnings of intellect to its last extinction by death, the human mind feels the animating principle of Hope. As the sun's influence, frees the earth from the icy fetters that bind it—warms its bosom—and brings forth plants, flowers, leaves and verdure, so the influence of Hope upon the human mind—frees it from the icy fetters of despair—causes a thousand flowery anticipations of pleasure, profit or enjoyment to spring up and become the incentives to action. What inducement would man have to act at all, if it were not for the promptings of Hope? Surely he would be worse than a brute. What man or number of men, in their senses, would boldly step forward, as did our forefathers, and risk their reputation, property and lives, to fight a powerful foe, and establish a new government—if they knew their purposes would be defeated—and their lives sacrificed, as the records of the past would have taught them to expect, by a great number of instances of defeat and disgrace? But their ignorance of the future clothed their undertaking with uncertainty—it was not absolutely certain they would succeed, nor certain that they would be defeated. Here Hope whispered to them to persevere—"You will succeed," she said,—"you will form a new government, unequalled in the annals of time for its advantages;—solid as the rock of Gibraltar, and enduring as the everlasting hills.—Although the Republics of Greece and Rome fell, yours will be eternal! Some attempts, indeed, of this kind have failed, but that relates to the past—not to the future. You have better destines in store; *persevere*, in after ages [illegible] the benefactors of your race, and in stead of dying an ignominious death—you will live respected and die regretted. They *did* persevere, and triumphed, and did not the inspiring principle of Hope bear them through the hardships of that tremendous struggle? The *Hope* of enjoying their liberties—of protecting their defenceless wives and children, and of triumphing over the foe!

Inspiring Hope still led them on,
Their glorious land to save;
And awful power to the Hero's arm,
That conquering power gave.

The principle of Hope, inspires the husbandman in his toils. Although the forest must be prostrated and burnt up, which requires immense labour; yet Hope smilingly whispers that he will be rewarded with an abundant harvest, she pictures the rich comfortable home—the extended fields—filled with flocks and herds—the beautiful garden full of luxuries and perfumes—the generous woodbine and beautiful morning glory, entwining around the summer house; where he, and the partner of his bosom, could sit down with their friends and be happy! These powerful inducements cause the death of many a sturdy forest tree, and if he dies before his object is accomplished, the pleasures of Hope will have abundantly repaid him for his labours. The mariner embarks on the uncertain ocean, on a voyage of discovery, on a commercial enterprise, or to carry passengers to a destined port. Hope whispers, the voyage will be prosperous, that the ship will again re-visit the port in her pride, how enthusiastically will the a gnal gun be hailed on its return! The ship proceeds on her voyage—a tempest rises, and threatens to plunge the ship beneath the waves. Does Hope forsake the mariner? No: he thinks the storm will cease, and the voyage yet be prosperous. The storm is calmed, and tranquility returns to the ocean. Soon a second tempest rises, more furious than the first—the ship seems completely at the mercy of the waves! Does Hope forsake the mariner now? No: he cries make increased exertion, we may hope to save the ship. "Home, sweet home," occurs to his mind,—there is the little white gate—the beautiful gravel walk—his aged father and mother seem coming out to meet him—there is his little sister, with flowing hair and sylph-like form—in whose eye a tear started when he left her—see, her face is brilliant with smiles. But, alas! a sudden plunge of the ship awakens him from his revery—it is his last moment—the ship sinks beneath the waves forever! Another vessel sails from the same port—the mariners having a knowledge of the foregoing circumstances, would be discouraged, did not Hope whisper that *their* voyage would be more prosperous, that, although the former vessel was overwhelmed in the ocean, theirs would ride the waves in safety—and return in triumph. The latter vessel sailed—was prosperous—and did return. The sustaining pleasures of hope were enjoyed in as great a degree by the former ship, as by the latter. The traveller may pass through solitudes, or traverse mountains infested with banditti or wild beasts—yet *Hope* sustains him there. She whispers that the robber is hid in his far off place of concealment—and the savage beast reposing in his mountain den.—He may pass in safety, or he may not—yet Hope nobly sustains and animates him in either case. Or he may travel in barbarous countries, as Mungo Park, and the Clapperton's have in Africa. The noble design and Hope of increasing the sum of human knowledge prompt him to [illegible] and the toil—and the pleasures of Hope sustain his mind in all the vicissitudes through which he may pass. Hope, says, or seems to say, that he will discover the mouth of some mysterious Niger, or the source of some majestic Nile, or make splendid discoveries in the interior of some uncivilized country, isolated from the rest of the world by its barbarism. Some savage chief may lead him into captivity, he may be doomed to be a slave among barbarians—to drink the cup of human misery to the bottom. But Hope will sustain him—will smooth his sorrows—will present distant prospects of release—some certain and final means of return to his native land; and even when nature sinks under accumulated misery—the pleasures of Hope will brighten his eye, and soften the pangs of death, when he thinks for the last time on the endearments of home!

"Alas! nor wife nor children more shall be behold,
Nor friends nor sacred home."

Unfortunate beings, shipwrecked on inhospitable shores—carried captive on burning deserts, receive supporting consolation from the pleasures of Hope, amid their sufferings. Hope pictures, murmuring rivulets, when thirst oppresses—abundance of provisions when hunger gnaws, and sure deliverance from the dominion of their savage masters. Deprived of food, of clothing and of drink—doomed to melt beneath a burning sun, like Riley and Robbins,—and reduced to skeletons—yet Hope made that even to be borne. And when they seemed more like mummies, rescued from the long silence and gloom of a catacomb and covered with the hieroglyphic marks of savage cruelty,—than human beings—they entertained unshaken faith that they should see their native land again! The writhing victim of disease, receives his most powerful consolation from the pleasures of Hope—when pain forces his body into contortions and spasms—and almost insufferable agony, would seem to be sufficient to drive him to destruction—yet Hope whispers that the violence of disease and pain will soon be over—that a speedy recovery will ensue—and thus keeps confidence in future good fortune—this beneficial pleasure of Hope, is perhaps one powerful means of recovery.—The victim of consumption—whose pale emaciated form—sunken eye—and hectic check—denote immediate dissolution—yet feels the powerful sustaining pleasures of Hope—it paints future years of pleasure—strengthens the mysterious chain that binds to life—awakens new associations;—and perhaps when the person is engaged in a pleasing revery of future prospects, the destroyer steals along and calls away one of the numerous things in existence. Hope even cheers the maniac; in these wild creations of his distorted mind, he builds and dedicates a temple to *Hope*. And the inspiring being that presides in that temple administers more comfort and joy to his ruined and wrecked mind, than all the world besides. There is no form of the thousand ills that "flesh is heir to," where the pleasures of Hope are not equal to the "good Samaritan,"—pouring wine and oil into the wounds and ailments that mankind is subject to—to heal, comfort and restore. We cannot estimate the benefit of the pleasures of Hope, to those labouring under disease. But the most triumphant view of Hope, is that of the Christian—his well-grounded Hope of future good is more pleasureable than any earthly Hope can be—it raises him above all earthly misfortunes and dangers. In view of the future good which he has in anticipation—all temporal vicissitudes dwindle into insignificance—the keenest pain can be borne without a groan—death can be encountered without fear—and this fickle, uncertain world can be resigned without regret. Hope spreads her most enchanting touch upon his future destiny—it is all happiness—all flowers—all consolation. What signify a few trials and uncertainties in this world—if we can have confidence that our existence in another, will be one unbroken series of unspeakable joys! The pleasures of Hope enjoyed by the Christian, elevate him above temporal and fading objects—and direct his aspirations to solid and eternal treasures and enjoyments—in that realm of everlasting glory—where trouble, pain and anxiety, can never come! Triumphant Hope! thou sustainest us from the pressure of this world's misfortunes—paintest the future in happiness and flowers, and banishest that utter hopelessness, into which the disagreeable, unfortunate and insufferable tribulations, with which we are surrounded, would inevitably plunge us, where it not for thy sustaining, cheering, balmy influence. Thou art our anchor in the voyage of life—in difficulties our guide—in sorrows, our consolation. Without those aid, man would be as a senseless statue—without mind or purpose to perform those sublime destinies for which he was created.

Eternal Hope! thy realm is unfading—thou art strong even in the maniac—thou art present in high and low condition—thou art a balm for every wo—thou leadest us to the *Himalayan* summit of Time—spreadest Eternity before us like one grand Panorama—and shewest us joys at God's RIGHT HAND, that shall never pall nor fade while Eternity endures! Oh! when marble shall moulder—when arts shall crumble—and worlds in flaming fire decay, thou shalt light thy torch with the last blazing fragment of expiring nature, and live eternal in the skies!

[illegible] made to the mountains of Himalaya or Himmalek in Asia, the highest mountains in the world.

From the New York Atlas.

STORY OF THE COUNTESS OF STAIR.

This house was occupied by the Dowager of the celebrated general and statesman, John, second Earl of Stair, who died in 1747. Her ladyship, after long exercising a sway over the *hard ton* of the Scottish capital, died here, November 21st, 1760, at a very advanced age. The late Mr. Mackenzie, author of the "Man of Feeling," informed the author that he recollected her ladyship living in this house. The close takes its name from her ladyship. Some remarkable circumstances in the early life of this lady formed the groundwork of a tale by the author of Waverly, under the title of "Aunt Margaret's Mirror." They are now related here in a more ample form. She was the youngest daughter of James, second Earl of Loudoun, and consequently was grand-daughter to that stern old Earl who acted so important a part in the affairs of the covenant, and was Lord Chancellor of Scotland during the troublesome times of the civil war. While very young, about the beginning of the eighteenth century, she was married to James, first Viscount Primrose, a nobleman of extreme bad temper, and what was worse, of very dissolute character. Her ladyship, who had a great deal of her grandfather in her, could have managed most men with great ease, by dint of superior intellect and force of character, but the cruelty of Lord Primrose was too much for her. He treated her so barbarously, that she had even to apprehend that he would some day put an end to her life. One morning, during the time she was laboring under this dreadful anticipation, she was dressing herself in her chamber, near an open window, when his lordship entered the room behind her with a sword drawn in his hand. He opened the door softly, and although his face indicated a resolution of the most horrible nature, he still had the presence of mind to approach her with the utmost caution. Had she not caught a glimpse of his face and figure in her glass, he would, in all probability, have approached her near enough to execute his bloody purpose before she was aware, or could have taken any measure to save herself. Fortunately, she perceived him in time to leap out of the open window into the street. Half dressed as she was, she immediately, by a very laudable exertion of her natural good sense, went to the house of Lord Primrose's mother—where she told her story, and demanded protection. That protection was at once extended; and it being now thought vain to attempt a reconciliation, they never afterwards lived together. Lord Primrose soon afterwards went abroad. During his absence, a foreign conjuror or fortune-teller came to Edinburgh, professing, among other wonderful accomplishments, to be able to inform any person of the present condition of other persons, at whatever distance, in whom the applicant might be interested. Lady Primrose, who had lost all trace of her husband, was incited by curiosity to go with a female friend, to the lodgings of this person in the Canongate, for the purpose of enquiring regarding his motions. It was at night, and the two ladies went, with the tartan screens, or plaids of their servants, drawn over their faces by way of disguise. Lady Primrose having described the individual in whose fate she was interested, and having expressed a desire to know what he was at present doing, the conjuror led her to a large mirror, in which she distinctly perceived the inside of a church with a marriage party arranged near the altar. To her illimitable astonishment, the younger maid in the shadowy bridegroom no other than her husband, Lord Primrose. The magical scene thus so strikingly displayed, was not exactly a picture; or if so, it was rather like the living pictures of the stage than the dead and immovable delineation of the pencil. It admitted of additions to the persons represented, and of progress of action. As the lady gazed on it, the ceremonial of the marriage seemed to proceed. The necessary arrangements had at last, been all made; the Priest seemed to have pronounced the preliminary service; he was just on the point of bidding the bride and bridegroom join hands, when suddenly a gentleman, for whom the rest seemed to have waited a considerable time, and to whom Lady Primrose thought she recognized a brother of her own then abroad, entered the church, and made hurriedly towards the party.

The aspect of this person was at first only that of a friend, who had been invited to attend the ceremony, and who had come too late; but as he advanced to the party, the expression of his countenance and figure was altered very considerably. He stopped short; his face assumed a wrathful expression; he drew his sword and rushed up to the bridegroom, who also drew his weapon. The whole scene then become quite tumultuous and indistinct, and almost immediately vanished entirely away. When Lady Primrose got home, she wrote a minute narrative of the whole transaction, to which she appended the day of the month on which she had seen the mysterious vision. This narrative she sealed up in the presence of witnesses, and then deposited it in one of her drawers.

Soon afterwards her brother returned from his travels, and came to visit her. She asked if, in the course of his wanderings, he happened to see or hear any thing of Lord Primrose. The young man only answered by saying that he wished he might never again hear the name of that detested personage mentioned. Lady Primrose, however, questioned him so closely that he at last confessed having met his Lordship, and that under very strange circumstances. Having spent some time at one of the principal Dutch cities—it was either Amsterdam or Rotterdam—he had become acquainted with a rich merchant, who had a very beautiful daughter, his only child, and the heiress of his enormous fortune. One day his friend, the merchant, informed him that his daughter was about to be married to a Scotch gentleman, who had lately come to reside there. The nuptials were to take place in the course of a few days, and as he was a countryman of the bridegroom, he was invited to the wedding. He went accordingly, was a little too late for the commencement of the ceremony, but, fortunately, came in time to prevent the union of an amiable young lady to the great monster alive in human shape, his own brother-in-law, Lord Primrose! Although Lady Primrose had proved her willingness to believe in the magical delineations of the mirror, she was still very much surprised and confounded by discovering them to be consistent with fact, that she almost fainted away. Something, however, yet remained to be ascertained. Did Lord Primrose's attempted marriage take place exactly at the same time with her visit to the conjuror? To certify this, she asked her brother on what day the circumstance which he related took place. Having been informed, she took out her key, and requested him to go to her chamber, and open a drawer which she described, and to bring her a sealed packet which he would find in that drawer. He did as he was desired, when, the packet being opened, it was discovered that Lady Primrose had seen the shadowy representation of her husband's abortive nuptials, on the very evening they were transacted in reality. The story, with all its strange and supernatural circumstances, may only excite a smile in the incredulous reader. All that the narrator desires to say in its favor is this—it fell out in the hands of honorable men and women, who could not be suspected of an intention to impose on the credulity of their friends; it referred to a circumstance which the persons concerned had the best reason in the world for raising a story about, and it was almost universally believed by the contemporaries of the principal personages, and by the generation which succeeded.

[From the Knickerbocker.]

BUCK HORN TAVERN,

A SCENE IN THE WEST.

It was during the latter part of September, in the year ——, that it was my fortune to be travelling through the western district of Tennessee, and along the main road which now leads on from Bolivar to Paris.

The close of a pleasant day found me fatigued and weary, jogging along through a wild and thinly settled country, on the *qui vive* for a resting place; the few *clearings* which I had passed, indicated contentment rather than wealth, or even comfort, and the hooting of owls, the long howl of some famished beast, the rapid passage of birds on their way to roost, together with the recollection of many stories of hair breadth escapes and desperate conflict, which had taken place in the country through which I was passing, caused me to feel much solicitude as to where I should sleep, and made me think of home, and happiness, and the busy crowd of Atlantic cities—and when I contrasted all this with the [illegible] strangers in a strange land, and beheld the quiet, yet wild appearance of the dense and dark forest around me, I involuntarily tightened my reins, and urged my horse onward.

It was in this mood, that, upon turning an angle of the road, I discovered a horseman coming towards me in a sweeping trot—he was rather badly mounted, but his dress and appearance were of rather a better order, and *keepsde* him a genuine backwoodsman of some note.

Seeing that he was about to pass me, with a common salutation I hailed him to stop.

"Halt, Billy," said he, and Billy halted so suddenly, I thought his rider would have gone over his he-ad—"An now stranger what is it you want with me, you must talk fast, for the way that I'm in a hurry is curious.

"I shall be obliged to you," said I, "if you will tell me where I can sleep to night?"

"An is that all?—well, here's Buck Horn just a head of you, though its right rough there—an about eight miles further there is an excellent house—an if you don't like either of them spose you turn back with me, I've got but one cabin, and it is full of young ones, but I'll make you a pallet and take care of your horse."

"I thank you, sir, but my horse is tired, and I am anxious to get on."

"No thanks, no thanks, stop at Buck Horn, you can make out there for the night."

"But I think you said it was right rough—can I stand it?"

"Oh! stand it—yes—we stand any thing here—I only said so cause you seemed to be a stranger in these parts, an I thought you mightn't like their ways."

"Will they give me and my horse something to eat?"

"Oh! yes—stuff you both as full as ticks."

"And a bed?"

"Yes—they'll give you a bed—you don't mind sleeping thick—do you?"

"How thick?"

"Oh! sorter thick, and not so very thick neither—they'll only put you in spoon fashion, an you must lie awful still, or all turn over together, if you don't the outside ones will fall out, an if they do, they'll be right apt to hurt themselves."

"Well, is this all I have to fear at Buck Horn."

"Fear! you have nothing to fear—Buck Horn is considered by many as a very clever, nice place—an don't they have musters there?—an don't they try warrants? an don't they have shootin matches? so you see Buck Horn is not so coarse—an if any of 'em should try to use you up, you'll find more who'll fight for you, than agin you—a stranger never wants for friends in these parts."

"Well, I must go now—good bye—if ever you come my way, gin me a call, you hear—just ask for Little River Jack, they all know me. Go along Billy,"—and he gouged his old horse, who wriggled, shot forward, and curled it so rapidly, that all which remained visible of him was a dark streak.

Contrasting western with eastern manners, and thinking of Buck Horn and its inhabitants, I pursued my way, until, from well known signals, I knew a house was near—and in a few moments after, situated in a small clearing, immediately on the road, appeared a large rude double logged cabin, with a Bush's Horn nailed over the door, which meant, in the west, entertainment for man and horse, and this I identified as the tavern to which I had been recommended.

It was now the dusk of evening, and although no appearance was unloveliness, it seemed to me a welcome spot—it was quiet—and as I rode up, nothing was to be seen but the cattle lying about the yard, chewing their cud, and the lord arranged in close order on the limbs of an oak, which grew near to the door—my arrival, however, seemed entirely to change the scene, for the dogs came whinking and barking about me, as if they wished to know who and what I was, and what was my business—the cows eyed me—the turkeys clucked—and I thought an old gobbler would have twisted his neck off, in his solicitude to get his head in such a position, that he might take a fair squint at me. Turkeys, when they examine any thing closely, only use one eye, and my old gobbler would first try one, and then the other, and then he put his head under his wing, as if for the purpose of brightening his vision and drawing it out, would take a long searching look—and then he examined his roost, and said something to the turkeys around him which I could not understand—but they all clucked, and adjusted themselves, concluding, I thought, with, "he's a stranger in these parts, and I don't much like his looks"—and they would have liked them much less had they known the state of my appetite.

While all this was passing an old lady came to the door to see what was the cause of so much commotion, looked out for an instant, and then disappeared—next came a flock of children of all sizes, barefooted, with short cotton shirts, who scarcely saw me before away they scampered, tumbling over each other, into one of the side doors—and finally there came, with a stately tread, the landlord of the house—he was without a coat, rough in appearance, large and portly in his form, with a good humored, jolly looking face, and while he approached, a pair of eyes might be seen peeping out through every crevice in the house.

"Come, friend, won't you light?"

"Thank you, sir, I wish to spend the evening with you."

"Git down—git down—I'll take your horse, and fix you as snug as a bear in a hollow."

Having dismounted, he stripped my horse, and giving me saddle-bags, and all else, "Now take 'em in, an put 'em under the bed, an make yourself at home—children clear the way, an let this gentleman come."

I did as I was directed, but observed that the gobler rose up, and turned his head towards the door I entered, in order that he might keep a sharp look out—it was nobly done, he seemed resolved never to turn his back to an enemy.

Having examined the apartment, I drew a chair before a large

MAJOR DOWNING.

Washington, 10 July, 1834.

To my old friend Mr. Dwight of the New York Daily Advertiser:

I am going to write to you now on a matter that will be of great use to you, and if I can make you understand it, which I think you may by reading it over two times, I don't care a cent for the money I spend in the news, it would be the best time that I ever had my understanding to expand in. Well, you know what I mean, I don't know exactly what I do mean, but I know I can if I can get the time. I wish I had a good chance to explain it to you, I would make you understand it, and you would be a rich man. But I can't do it, and if you don't see it, I'll take my share of the loss in explaining it out, and you must take t'other half, and that will be about right.

Well, you know Biggs—you know that a good deal has been said of him, about paper money and hard money, and some of the chaps at the Government are trying to make it out that the General is going to make all the money in the country hard money, and to get rid of all paper money.

If folks don't look well into this matter, and understand what the matter isn't it, 99 out of 100 on 'em will get puzzled mighty shockin, and get so much dust into their eyes, that it might take a week's washing with lye soapsuds and get matters right again; and I'm going now to give my opinions about it; and then let every man take his own course, and if things get muddled I can't help it. I want to see things go straight, and that the reason I wrote you this letter.

If this country was a small country, like an island, where a man could see his beehives on one side out, and walk across to the other side to eat his supper, then perhaps it would be worth out of the way to have all the money in gold and silver. But seein that it is somethin of a considerable of a country, and it takes two to get a good many breakfasts and suppers unless he gits from one side out to the other, I can't see anythin in there it is necessary to look out and see if we must get our money from one part to the other a little easier than carrying out in hard money—now let us suppose there wasn't a bank note in the country, and all the money was hard money and suppose you want to buy 100 bales of cotton in Tennessee—well 100 good pieces in specie weight about four thousand dollars weigh at least a hundred, and four thousand dollars in silver would weigh about 240 lbs. Now how would you get the money in the cheapest way from New York to Tennessee? A horse chaise very well carry it, and is the only way to take a wagon—well now you have got it to Tennessee, and what you have got for the cotton, that may you bought it of wants to buy goods with the money at the place where the goods are cheapest, and you to out he finds New York is the place, and so back he goes those dollars in a chaise with, to buy goods.

Well, the next time you want to buy cotton, you'll begin to figure out how you can save the expense and risk of sixteen dollars, and you'll find out that folks in Tennessee want dollars in New York to buy goods, just as much as you want one in Tennessee. Well, you have got a thousand dollars in good silver dollars in good safe place in New York, and take a receipt for em, mayn that them are dollars shall be delivered up when that are receipt is presented, then all you have got to do is to carry that receipt with you, or send it to a friend, and according to the safety and speed and good character of the chaps who hold the dollars, and a little better, because it is easier carried about than the dollar, and at less expense; and it is the nature of our people to do all kinds of business as the least expensive possible, and that's the reason why Biggs and all the rest of them are right.

Well then if this is so, as I have been telling, and it is as true as nature, then our folks would make smoke right off, without law, and without a cent out. For every lot of hard money is sold go right into the hands of folks known to be rich and secure, and honest, or supposed to be so and that receipt for it would be handed round just as fast as it came, promising to pay the bearer on demand," and so we should have as many out as we have hard dollars now.

But here is Congress and to Legislature can this a long spell ago, and they see from the very nature of things that business all about the country would go right into that channel, and nothin could help it, and they were right to work to plan things so that the people should not be distressed in taking those receipts, for it would be easy hard for a man to get one to pay for his goods, and hard to wait for the money, and so some evil the merchants or Bankers, did not pay it, and that was broke all to bits and so forth. And so the Legislature of the States tried to and made Banks, that is, they allowed a good many folks to take hard money and put it down with a good stock capital, and to issue to folks to have the people the receipts of carrying the hard money about. And as those Banks had a good capital they were allowed to lend their bank bills for people who wanted to borrow money, and to take the people's notes so as to allow active industrious folks to work along and get ahead in the world; well this was found such good thing, that almost all the Legislatures went to work and allowed folks to make Banks, and in a little while there are more banks than a hard share, and it got so that the people wanted one to take any of the bills to pay for the pay of pattin an end to it till Congress took it up and the constitution gives Congress the right to regulate the currency of the country. If Congress had right off that all those bills should be done away, and nothin but hard money was money there would have been trouble enough—as bad as Green the nigger right off, but they looked on it as an evil to be cured just like the bilious fever, and that was by pattin it out to sea, and they made a Bank and told that bank to go to work and clear out this trash. The Bank of the United States went to work, and after a spell it got things pretty slick. As soon as one or more State Banks attempted to be short of more of its bills than it had power to pay when the people brought em back—and that is the nature of Banks with small capital, as this U. S. Bank could not have its bills—then it soon backed over those trash and put them into folks from the people and make the State Banks pay em good if they didn't then they would hoist their letter of marque to be off a privateering job for the United States Bank right off, and they got pretty often back to what its duty by law, for the law said the U. S. Bank must Regulate the currency.

But Nicholas, I know that like the capital, and who wanted to make money out of the people by handing out their bills that they could a to pay when called on, and so they allege that with the help of U. S. Bank and called it a manner, and so forth, and then the policemen set to work and that's the nature of those too, to get hold of any thing to give em a boost, and Mr. Van Buren as he loved to eat all grub out in the U. S. Bank, for they are that sort of people, and so they allege that with the State Banks—Turn they and the U. S. Bank worst enemy, and got commissioners appointed to examine into it, and when it turned out it was a lively water than they said it was, and all the rest of the Banks put together, then they charged their time and got it out of that pocket, and the hard money was the right hold. I wish I thinks that a good many people are right in this one on this part, and I suppose they will—but what is the matter on?! You see if we get back to hard money, folks will go right to work again, just as I have been telling, and Congress will have to do something to correct it, and regulate it, and make it safe for the people.

But what like my dander considerable is in knowing that all this fuss and cry again the U. States Bank, which has got things just as Congress wanted em to, when the Bank was charter'd and a little better than it expected to get to get rid of Biggs, but to get rid of the Bank, the state Banks, the State Bank, is a sore Pharaoh, and the Bank cut of the way, so as to let the craft of small craft get fairly to work to pick the people's pockets. This is just as true now, as I am writin about it, and I think I don't see if they mean it because me.

Mr. Van Buren knows this just as well as he knows that he is about the presidency, but he is known to tell lies, and he knows that if he can get all the state banks on his side, and agin the United States bank, he'll count up a pretty considerable sum in votes, but the people won't get so much out of money by it as he pretends, unless it is that kind of money that will be plenty hard to get rid on.

Then agin there is the farmer—they tell him hard money is just the thing, and so he thinks too, and if he can get a hard dollar for a bushel of wheat, instead of a paper dollar, he thinks it will be a good exchange, but if he thinks a little more about the matter, he will find that there just hard money enough in all creation for that, and if we were to come to hard money, where he and gets a good paper dollar for his bushel of wheat, he could get two shillings in silver, because every thing would take its value by the quantity of hard money. If he carries that dollar to a spell he'll get the dust out of his eyes in a minute.

Then agin a good deal is said about gold, and that the General will have gold money, and to do this, he talks in Congress just a law making gold more valuable, that is, the same weight of gold which by the old value was a legal tender for ten dollars, is now to be worth two dollars and seventy cents. Well this is a pretty odd way of managin things, and to keep gold in the country, and to understand it well, suppose the law said a copper cent, which now takes one hundred on em to make a dollar, should be made to go fifty for a dollar. My notion is, we should have to pass Congress another bill to have cents to be hammered with, and none would go out of the country nohow. I don't care neither [illegible] and [illegible] but I like to have things [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and

Philadelphia Prices Current.

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FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 25, 1834.

ASHES.			
Pot	cwt	4 00	4 25
Pearl		5	
BUTTER.			
Eln	lb	21	
Extra No. 1		7	7½
No. 2		6½	7
No. 3		6	6½
COAL.			
Lehigh	ton	4 25	5
Schuylkill		4 00	4 87½
COFFEE...Duty...free.			
Rio	lb	10½	11
St. Domingo		10½	11
Porto Rico		11	12
Cuba		11	12½
Maracaibo		11	12
Laguira		11½	12
Jamaica		11	12
Java		21	22
COTTON...Duty...free.			
Louisiana	lb	14	15
Mobile		13	15
N. Ala. and Ten.		13	14
S. C. and Geo.		13	14
N. C. and Va.		13	14½
FREIGHTS.			
To Pittsburgh, per wagon			
100 lbs		1 75	2
do. via canal			1 25
Wheeling, or wag.			
Pittsburgh, via			
canal, ton			
Salt, via Georgetown			
FLOUR and MEAL.			
Pennsylvania	bbl	5 62½	
Fin.		5 00	
Fine		4 75	5 25
Middling		4 50	
Corn meal		3 62½	
GRAIN.		in bbls	in bags
Rye Pennsylvania	bu	75	80
do. Southern		75	80
Wheat, Pennsylv.		1 25	1 35
do. South. bush.		1 12	1 18
Corn, L. C. white		60	
do. do. C. yellow		61	66
do. do. C. mixed		60	64
Oats, Pennsylv.		32	34
Southern		32	33
Barley, Eastern		70	
do. Pennsyl.		65	
HOPS			

Last sort, 1833	lbs	18	19
HOLLANDS...duty 8 cents.			
New Orleans		23	25
Sugar-house		22	23
do. New York		21	22
do. Philad.		22	23
do. Steam		22	23
Trinidad		22	23
Porto Rico		20	30
English French Isl.		20	30
Havana & Matanzas		24	26
MACKEREL.			
No. 1	bbl	8 25	
No. 2		6 25	
No. 3		3 44	3 50
OIL.			
Linseed, Am. from			
store	gal	85	
do. Dutch		90	
Whale, sat.		36	38
Sperm, winter			
do. manufac.		80	
PLASTER PARIS.			
In Delaware, ton		3 75	3 50
In Schuylkill		3 25	3 50
SEEDS.			
Clover, bush		7	7 25
Flaxseed, rough		1 60	1 50
do. clean, cash			
Timothy, cash		3	16
Herds, bush			
Orchard grass		1 87½	
WHISKEY.			
Rye, in bbls		25	26
do. in hhds		23	24½
do. from wagons		23	
STOCKS.			
Prime Cong. Beeves			
do.		8	8½
Am. stock, fat.		5	5½
do. blood		3	3½
do. blood		2½	3
do. common		2	2½
Am. sawed, fat		4	
do. blood		3	
do. blood		2½	3
do. common		2	2½
Sugar, pulk. dambo		25	40
No. 1, do.		32	
No. 2, do.		28	32
No. 3, do.		25	
Sheep, fat		75	85
Sow, sheep, E. P. & S.		60	75
do. lambs		60	75

ATKINSON'S SATURDAY EVENING POST.

PHILADELPHIA:

Saturday, July 26, 1834.

Publication Office, No. 36 Carter's Alley, opposite the Girard Bank.

HEAT.

The weather has again become oppressively hot, and we fear unless the people are cautious, that we shall be under the painful necessity of recording more sudden deaths.—

We again therefore admonish our citizens against all imprudencies of whatsoever kind—Temperance in eating and drinking—the avoidance of all unnecessary exposure, and the frequent use of the bath, will be attended with the most beneficial consequences.

THE TENNESSEE BONDS.

A difficulty has occurred between the Union Bank of Tennessee and the Union Bank of Maryland, in consequence of the former having transferred the bonds given by the State of Tennessee to it, payable in instalments of $125,000, at the end of 15, 20, 25 and 30 years, at 5 per cent. to the Bank of Maryland. The Bank of Maryland having failed, and not complied with its contract, Gen. G. W. Gibbs, President of the Union Bank of Tennessee, last week at Baltimore, cautioned all persons not to purchase, receive, or deal with these bonds. Last Saturday, Gen. Gibbs was arrested at the suit of the Union Bank of Maryland, in an action claiming damages to the amount of $500,000, and not being prepared to give bail to the amount, was committed to jail. The circumstance becoming known, a meeting of merchants was held, and about 30 of them, owning property worth $3,000,000, united in giving the bail required, and effected his release from prison.

The August number of the "Law Library," edited by John Purdon, Esq. and published by Mr. Littell, law bookseller, No. 11 George street, has been issued, and contains the conclusion of "Alnatt's Treatise on the Law of Partition," and "A Practical Treatise on the Law of Partnership, with Precedents of Copartnership Deeds,"—by Henry Cary, Esq. of Lincoln's Inn. The law of partnership may perhaps be justly considered one of the most difficult subjects of commercial law. The general principles on which it is grounded, are of course universally known; but the difficulty consists in the application of those principles to individual cases. The carelessness, and it may be added, the ignorance of persons engaged in commercial undertakings jointly with others, has entangled a subject, simple in itself, with so many perplexities. The object of the present work, therefore, is to collect and arrange in the shortest, simplest and clearest manner, all the most important decisions on this subject, so as to be useful as a book of reference and practice to the profession, at the same time that it is intelligible to the trading public.

It is the republication of works like these, in a cheap, convenient and beautiful form, which must give the *Law Library* a high reputation with the members of the bar. We cannot understand how any lawyer can be without it. To the practitioner in the interior, far removed from the great depositories of legal information, it must be especially valuable. For *ten dollars per annum*, valuable standard works are furnished, which would cost, in the usual dress, not less than *sixty*—and the work is regularly transmitted by mail to every part of the United States. Nothing, absolutely necessary to the practitioner, is thus conveyed, at a cost beyond parallel in regard to law works, to his very door, whether he resides in the city with the publisher, or in a remote section of the country.

ELEMENTS OF PHRENOLOGY.

We have just been favoured with a copy of Mr. Amos Dean's "Lectures on Phrenology," delivered before the young men's association for mutual improvement of the city of Albany.

It is a neat 12mo vol. containing, we presume, the principles and deductions of this modern science. We have not had time to peruse it, but were arrested at the first glance, by the lively and pleasing style of a few paragraphs. The following incident appears to be the first germination of the science, and which led Dr. Gall into the train of investigation which resulted in his conviction of its truth.

While a boy at school, he observed the readiness and facility with wheh one of his class-mates would commit to memory the task assigned him. He made use of all the energy he was master of, to equal him in that exercise, but could not do it. What could be the reason? If the mind were a single general power, according to the then received metaphysical systems, this phenomenon was inexplicable; because the greatest efforts were not wanting on his part, and yet the result was a failure. On narrowly observing the countenance of his rival, he perceived a prominence in his eyes, which he himself did not possess. Hence he was instinctively led to couple a prominent eye with the faculty of committing and making use of language. Subsequent observations, made during his collegiate course, confirmed him in the belief that a prominent eye was ever coupled with this faculty in its possessor.

Extract of a letter to the publisher, dated

Decatur, 5th July, 1834.

Dear Friend—Yesterday I was at Courtland to attend the celebration of the completion of the Tuscumbia, Courtland and Decatur Rail Road to that place, I was delighted with the whole affair. A general invitation had been given to the citizens of the seven counties of the Tennessee Valley to meet—and some five to ten thousand turned out. To prove that the managers had made ample preparations to feed the multitude, I need only remark that at one time, I counted two hundred head of shoats and lambs that were being barbacued, besides fish enough to feed a host. No drinking was permitted, and when I left late in the afternoon no intoxication had been seen.—There were several hundred ladies; to whose presence it is possible we were in a great measure indebted for the excellent order which prevailed. The locomotive played its part to perfection. One of the passenger cars, which would easily carry a hundred persons, (built in Tuscumbia) far surpassed for neatness any thing of the sort that I saw on the Baltimore, the Newcastle, or the Amboy road. Gen. Gaines of the U. S. Army, was present. He is deeply interested in the Mississippi and Atlantic rail road, and I presume through his exertions the War Department has been influenced to order a survey of the route from Athens Georgia, to Memphis, Tenn. which has been commenced, perhaps under the direction of Col. S. H. Long.

The crops in the valley are very promising indeed. The April frost has made the cotton somewhat backward, but if the summer continue reasonable an abundant crop will be gathered.

THE PROCESSION.

The procession in commemoration of the memory of Lafayette, which took place on Monday last, was in some respects imposing, but not exactly what was expected and what it was intended to have been. An expression of regret has been pretty generally elicited by what is considered by many, a failure, caused, we believe by some jealousies which crept into the management of it. The route with a childish indecision was changed three times, which in itself caused much dissatisfaction, and the levity with which a portion of it was conducted, was ill suited to the solemn occasion.

It is supposed about 4000 persons officiated in the ceremonies, and perhaps fifteen or twenty times that number, (crowding all the streets through which it passed) were spectators. It was composed of various Volunteer companies, the authorities and corporation of the city, Fire and Hose companies, several of which made an elegant appearance, the Trades Union, and many societies.

Want of room prevents us from giving a detailed account of the order of procession, ceremonies &c.

EDUCATION IN DENMARK.

The present king of Denmark, manifests the most laudable desire to extend the means of education throughout his dominions. He is not only desirous of having all his subjects educated, but he is particularly anxious to have the modes of instruction improved, Mr. Marihus, had been sent by his Majesty, nearly two years since, to examine in England, the most approved systems of education pursued in that country. He has availed himself of all the lights that he could obtain in the manner, and having returned to Denmark, he has, with the approbation of the king, formed a system of tuition which promises the most satisfactory results.

Extract of a letter to the Editor, dated

Boston, July 18, 1834.

Trip through Massachusetts—Miserable Accommodations—Handsome Towns—Boston—Tremont House—Excursion in the Harbour.

Dear Sir:—We took stage at Albany for Boston, on Monday last, and at nightfall found ourselves in the town of Pittsfield, Mass. distant from Albany about 30 miles, which we had accomplished in the short space of nine hours and thirty minutes, stoppages included. You may wonder how we contrived to be so long on the way, but it is no mystery to us. On the route we had but two teams, each of which were driven fifteen miles, over a rough road, and with the thermometer ranging at about 95. We crawled along at a snail's pace, the horses being scarcely able to stand without support. Several belonging to this line have died within a few days, and one of those that crawled with us to Pittsfield, toppled over and died, soon after being released from his harness. The routes here are much too long, but the proprietors of the line want to make money, and they probably think it is better to lose a horse occasionally, than incur the expense of doubling their teams. We talked to the proprietor of the hotel at Pittsfield, at which we stopped, on this subject, and he said "certingly gentlemen, you are right, but the proprietors know their own business. We answered "certingly," and paid him a dollar each for entertaining us over night.

About dusk on the evening of the second day, we reached Northampton, forty miles further, a beautiful village on the banks of the Connecticut river, in which a considerable amount of business is transacted. The houses are extremely neat in their appearance, and in decorations and ornaments display much taste. The same remark may be made of all the towns through which we passed, in crossing the state, and if you will look at the map you will find they are very numerous. The traveller remarks that churches are exceedingly numerous, every village has three or four, well-built, large, and with handsome steeples. We passed, on the route, many elegant country residences, far exceeding in neatness any that you find in Pennsylvania. The land is fertile, the crops luxuriant, and all appearances betoken a hardy, industrious and thrifty population.

It was our intention, during our stay in Northampton, to have visited Mount Holyoke, a high mountain that overlooks the town, from which a fine view of the country round; and the windings of the Connecticut are obtained, but we found we had not time. We therefore contented ourselves with looking about the town, and after dark we attended a lecture on education, delivered in one of the churches. The lecturer set out by endeavouring to show the importance of the study of the languages in early youth, and I presume he proved his positions. When he had concluded a majority of us were fast asleep.

On the third day of our journey we dined at Worcester,—pronounced *Wooster*—a flourishing manufacturing town, containing an unusually large number of handsome edifices, and about 10 o'clock at night, we arrived in Boston, after a tedious and fatiguing journey of three days. We took lodgings at the Tremont House, an inn that probably stands unrivalled in the union. The house is large and commodious, four stories high, with a granite front, and immense pillars supporting a heavy projection over the door. The table and the internal arrangements of the house, are, however, the chief attractions of the establishment. Every thing is done by rule, and according to a well digested system. Each servant has his place, and his prescribed sphere of action, and of course every thing you desire is done well, and on the instant. The principal bar keeper, Mr. Stetson, is one of the most polite and agreeable gentlemen you will meet with, in a month's ride. He has a smile for every body, and he knows every one's name. He possessed the extraordinary facility of attending to a dozen persons at the same time, without the least embarrassment or confusion, and of course he is a valuable acquisition to the establishment.

We took an excursion among the islands in the harbour, yesterday, in the new steam boat, designed as a packet ship between this place and Bangor, Me. The boat was crowded with ladies and gentlemen of Boston, and the trip would have been delightful had not the weather proved unfavorable. The rain obliged us to stow ourselves in the cabins, and seek amusement in conversation.

NAHANT, July 21, 1834.

Dear Sir—Yielding to the persuasions of our attentive friends, and stimulated by the prospect of a fine dish of chowder, on Saturday last we resolved to visit Nahant, the chef summer resort of the Bostonians. We took passage in the little steamer Hancock, commanded by Capt. Marsh, one of the best fellows in Massachusetts, and started about 3 o'clock. The trip to Nahant, in calm weather, is delightful, as the steam boat passes numerous islands, forts, and other objects of interest to the stranger. The Hancock is a good boat, *what there is of her*, but she is entirely too small for Capt. Marsh, who deserves the command of a vessel as large as the Morris.

The approach to Nahant, affords a very pleasing prospect. The peninsula is about 12 miles from Boston, and is so situated as to afford, at all times, a cool retreat from the heat of the city. On evening of Mr. Holman, proprietor of the principal Hotel, I ascertained that the greatest degree of heat experienced at Nahant this season, was only 84 deg. Holman's Hotel is an extensive establishment, calculated to accommodate about one hundred boarders, besides transient visiters. It is built on a commanding situation, whence the adjoining country may be seen to great advantage. The eye, with the aid of a good glass, can compass the whole bay of Massachusetts, from Cape Ann to Cape Cod. There are piazzas around the Hotel, both on the first and second stories, which afford shelter from the sun and shower, and give a constant opportunity to enjoy the bracing air from the sea, which has a most salutary effect upon the health and spirits. Not that the air does all, for I wish to give due credit to the sumptuous fare of the worthy landlord, who furnishes his guests all the delicacies of the season, from a lobster to chowder, and from "soda water" to champagne. Glorious fine fish are caught a few rods from the Hotel. The servants are remarkably attentive, and not so few and far between, as is sometimes the case at other watering places, and, taking every thing into consideration, I know of no place of summer resort, where the visiter is so well served, at so little expense, as at Nahant.

There are here abundant sources of recreation and amusement. In fowling, fishing, strolling along the iron bound shore, clambering among the rocks and precipices, and in the social enjoyments of one's friends, time passes along very swiftly. Mr. Holman has a large bathing house attached to his establishment, where those who do not like the surf, can take either a warm, temperate, or cold bath, at their pleasure.

Disciples of Izaak Walton, are furnished with a suitable dress and a fishing rod, and if need be, a boy to bait the hook, that portion of the operation of fishing being one which some fastidious persons are very willing to dispense with.

I had the pleasure of meeting a number of Philadelphians at Nahant, some of whom were old acquaintances. Among the visiters were several of the editorial fraternity of Boston, John Howard Payne, Esq. Paddy Power, and others. On Saturday evening, we formed a delightful literary party, in Mr. Holman's parlour, and with a bottle of champagne, we drank health and long life to him and his establishment.

The season for company at Nahant, has just commenced. It is a delightful place in August and September.

I have a word or two to say in regard to Boston, but my friends here have so hurried me from place to place, that I have nothing prepared but a few loose notes. You shall hear from me again.

ANOMALY IN JURISPRUDENCE.—Among the convicts sentenced at the sessions on Saturday, was Richard Lefroy, for an assault and battery on Charles Haydens, with intent to commit manslaughter. How a man can commit an assault and battery with intent to commit manslaughter we cannot well conceive. It appears to us that he must have intended to commit murder, or nothing at all. Blackstone defines manslaughter thus:—

"In law the unlawful killing of a man *without malice, express or implied*. This may be voluntary, upon a sudden heat or excitement of anger; or involuntarily, but in the commission of some unlawful act. Manslaughter differs from murder in not proceeding from *malice, prepense or deliberate*, which is essential to constitute murder. It differs from homicide excusable, being done in consequence of some unlawful act, whereas excusable homicide happens in consequence of mere *misfortune*."—*N. Y. Com. Adv.*

Notice to Literary Persons.

A deposite has been made with the Life Insurance and Trust Company in the city of New York, subject to the control of the subscribers and their associates, for the purpose of procuring Lectures, or Essays on various subjects connected with scientific education, to be read in the Common Schools of this State. To carry this purpose into effect, the subscribers give notice that they, or either of them, will receive manuscript essays or lectures on the following subjects, at any time before the first day of June, 1835, and that to the authors of such of them as shall be selected or approved, by the superintendent of common schools, and the subscribers and their associates, there will be paid the premiums hereinafter mentioned.

Should parts of several lectures be taken the premium for the course of lectures on that particular subject, will be divided among their authors, in proportion to the quantity taken. The lectures are to be adapted to the capacities of children, and are to be divided into portions or sections, one of which can be conveniently read in half an hour.

The following are the subjects, on each of which a course, or series of lectures is now solicited:—

1. On the application of Science to the useful arts—for the best course of lectures on which, a premium of $000 will be paid.

2. On the principles of Legislation—the premium will be $100.

3. On the intellectual, moral, and religious instruction of the youth of this State, by means of Common Schools—the duty of affording such instruction—and the improvements of which the system may be susceptible—a premium of 250.

4. On Agriculture and Horticulture—a premium of $100.

5. On Political Economy,—a premium of 100 dollars.

6. On Astronomy, Chemistry, Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism—a premium of 200 dollars.

It is not expected that the essays will be entirely original, either in matter or manner, but rather that the best authorities will be consulted, and even abstracts of the writings of approved authors will be received, if the original authority is designated. It is not desirable that the lectures should dwell on detail, except where it may be useful for the purpose of illustration; nor will the brevity which is essential to the plan, permit useful elementary instruction on the subject of the course of essays. General principles and results, and those striking and plain illustrations, which will excite attention and inquiry—which will be calculated to deposite in the youthful mind the seeds of knowledge, and lead it to investigation and reflection, will best promote the object in view.

It is desired that the authors will not communicate their names with their essays, and that they will not furnish any means by which they may be known, until after the selection is made. They are requested to adopt some motto or fictitious signature; and to accompany their communications with a sealed note, containing the address of the author, on which will be endorsed the motto or signature and the title of the essay. Such of the notes only will be opened, as have an endorsement corresponding with that of the sealed lectures to which a premium shall be awarded; the others, with their accompanying essays, will be subject to the direction of their authors.

The lectures selected will be presented and distributed in every common school in this State, and subject from time to time, to such use, the authors may, if they please, secure the copy right of their productions.

JOHN C. SPENCER, Canandaigua.
BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, Albany.
JOHN C. FULLER, Genesee.

Essays will be received from any quarter, either in this country or from abroad, and may be transmitted to either of the subscribers, at their charge.

P. S. The time specified in the first publication of the above note, for the delivery of essays, having expired, and but few contributions having been presented for examination, the undersigned are induced to believe that want of sufficient publicity, and perhaps some misapprehension as to the precise character of the papers solicited, have prevented that attention to the subject which it was hoped would have been given to it. This belief is confirmed by the suggestions and inquiries contained in several letters which have been received on the subject of the notice. The undersigned have therefore thought it proper to republish their original notice, with an enlargement of the time for the 1st of June 1835, and to state in addition to the matters contained therein, the following particulars.

1st. The trust committed to the undersigned and their associates, require them to issue proposals for essays or lectures on six different branches, three of which, not included in their former notice have been introduced into the annexed notice, and as it is intended to embrace the whole series of subjects (six in number,) in one volume, to be published and distributed gratuitously to the common schools of the State of New York, it will be necessary that all lectures should not exceed, in the aggregate, 350 pages of long primer, 12mo. size.

2d. In order to compress the matters within the above limits, the essays or lectures on any one subject ought not, on the average to exceed in the whole, about sixty pages. Probably all that it may be useful to state on the "Principles of Legislation," may be embraced in half that number of pages; but of this, each writer must judge for himself.

3d. It is supposed that ten pages of type above mentioned, will be as much as can usefully be read at one time; and this will therefore be the appropriate length of each section or separate lecture.

4th. In regard to the style of the compositions, and the degree of attainments which may be supposed to be possessed by the pupils for whose instruction the lectures are designed, the undersigned can only repeat that the essays which they are directed to procure, are intended to be read in common schools of this State, and ought to be adapted to the comprehension of such children as attend those schools. The object is not the instruction of youth, by means of common schools, &c. being rather intendeded for the teachers than the pupils, may, to some extent, form an exception to this remark.

5th. The essays on "The application of Science to the useful Arts," may occasionally include a reference to cuts or engravings; but the fund at the disposal of the subscribers will not allow of this mode of illustration to any considerable extent.

B. F. BUTLER,
J. C. SPENCER,
F. C. FULLER.

May 20th, 1834.

☞ It is hoped that editors generally, will be willing to promote the meritorious objects of this notice, by giving it a few insertions in their papers gratuitously.

Reported for the N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

GENERAL SESSIONS—July 18.

Peter Bowerhorn was found guilty of petty larceny. The prisoner is about thirty-four years of age, and extremely intelligent, received a tolerably good education, and has spent nearly one half of his life in prison. He commenced business as a butcher in this city about the year 1816, when he was a very young man, and in October 1819 was sent to the State Prison for stealing cattle. In January 1823 he was sent to the Penitentiary for larceny. In January 1825 he was again sent to the Penitentiary for the same offence. In November 1826 he was once more sent to the Penitentiary, and again in November 1829. While at the Lafayette was tagging in this city he was arrested for several robberies by Alderman Palmer, and captured after making all possible resistance. Having been committed for trial he was seized with the Cholera and the usual applications resorted to, to relieve him. Before he was quite recovered, he tore off the bandages and blisters from his body, made his escape from prison, and went to Philadelphia. From Philadelphia he wrote a letter to the high constable Mr. Hayes, describing in the most pitiable manner, his sufferings from disease, and the miserable condition of his wife on account of his being unable to contribute to her support. Besides, the letter contained the most solemn promises of reformation, if he could only obtain a pardon. The prisoner and an accomplice discovered that an Englishman in Rosevelt street had 5000 sovereigns in a certain part of the house, which they determined to rob him of, and Bowerhorn entered the house for the purpose at a late hour of night, when the family were in bed. The proprietor of the house had however, from some cause or other, removed the money from the place where he usually kept it, a day or two before the night in question, and Bowerhorn after searching for some time in vain, entered the bed-room, where the proprietor of the house and his wife were in bed and asleep. Finding his search still fruitless, he was determined to have at least something for his trouble, and actually took a pocket book with some money in it from under the woman's pillow on which she slept.—He had scarcely done so when her husband happened to awake, and seeing Bowerhorn in the room, leaped out of bed to seize the intruder. The proprietor of the house was an old man, and Bowerhorn immediately felled him to the floor, and then deliberately took two watches that were hanging on the mantel piece, extinguished a candle which was lighted in the room, and made his escape out of the window. Besides the many times that he has been in the prison of this state, he has also made several intermediate visits to the prisons in Philadelphia.

ORIGIN OF DRINKING HEALTHS.—The drinking of healths took its rise from the time of the Danes being in this island. It was frequently customary with them whilst an Englishman was drinking, to take that opportunity of stabbing him. The English upon this, entered into combination to be mutual pledgers of security for each other while drinking—so drank to each other's health and preservation. From hence arose the custom of pledging and drinking healths.—It was a custom among the Greeks, and from them derived like many others, especially of the religious kind, among the Romans, to make libations, to pour out wine, and drink drinks in honor of their gods. Sometimes this ceremony was introduced at their meals; but in their more solemn entertainments, it was performed in the interval preceding the mense secundæ, which answers to our second course or the dessert. How many at our modern tables, while they drink healths to one another, would stab either the individual's character, feelings, or life, and thus try to cover the hypocrisy they artfully endeavor to wear. What a pity we could not read hearts, as, in that case, it were as well to revive the old custom, and pledge our friend's safety by guarding him against the treachery of his enemies.

THE CHOLERA.

It appears that the cholera has again broken out in several parts of the country, rendering it the duty of all to be cautious of overheating themselves by labour or exercise, and of care in their diet. The sickness is generally attributed to the extreme heat of the weather, the severity of which has been unusual. The heat case in Montreal, was brought by a Quebec steamer on the 11th inst., and twenty deaths occurred there in five days. The disease did not appear to be so malignant as formerly. No panic was excited, and business operations at Quebec and Montreal, were carried on with the same degree of vigour and alacrity as if the disease had no existence.

In Cincinnati, the Board of Health issued an official statement on the 14th instant, signed by the president and other officers, according to which it appeared, from a thorough investigation, that the number of deaths that had occurred in that city, from cholera, during the preceding week, had been none—of which two were in "Commercial Hospital." It may be proper to add, see the board, that of this number, six were strangers, and three residents; and that a majority of the cases occurred within the last three days.

The Board urge the importance of watching, and arresting the earliest symptoms of the disease, by applying, without a moment's delay, for the most efficient medical aid which may be attainable.

The following is the postscript of a letter from a gentleman of Cincinnati, dated the 15th:—"I ought to have mentioned that we have had some violent cases of cholera in this city, and opposite towns, and several deaths in Fulton; but no one seems to regard it, or to imagine that it will become an epidemic."

From the following account it appears that the disease has made its appearance within the limits of Pennsylvania:—

"BEAVER, July 18.—*The Cholera.*—This dreadful and fatal disease is beginning to find its way up the Ohio, and already on this end of the river several persons have fallen victims to its deadly progress. In our own county two deaths have recently occurred from its attack. The first was a Mr. Hooper, who brought the disease with him from Louisville, and died shortly after he reached Freedom. And on Wednesday last, Captain Knowles, of the steamboat Eclipse, was attacked, and in five hours was a corpse. The boat had been run ashore near the mouth of Beaver, and medical assistance obtained from this borough, but all in vain—the case was beyond the reach of human aid.

INGENUITY AND ROGUERY.

We yesterday witnessed the evidence of one of the most ingenious and systematic attempts to fire a house, that ever occurred in this or any other country. It will be remembered that on the evening of Monday last, after the procession, an alarm of fire was given; the engines proceeded to a house in Library street, a few doors above Fourth, occupied by Messrs. T. & J. Doughty,—burst the doors, and soon succeeded in suppressing the flames. The evidences of guilt and design were afterwards discovered. The incendiary, must have laboured for some days, before he was able to complete his preparations. The house is a three story brick building, and has been occupied by the Doughtys, for some time past. It seems, however, that for the last month or two, they have had exclusive possession.

The first operation of the incendiary was to make a mould for a wax candle, to weigh four or five pounds. The candle was made accordingly, consisting of yellow wax, white turpentine, and other combustible material.—The candle was placed in a tin canister, provided for the purpose, with holes disposed in various parts of it, through which wicks well oiled and turpentined were drawn—a larger wick running through the centre of the candle. The candle and canister were placed in a wooden box in a corner of the room, on the first floor, through which, a hole had been cut, in order when the whole mass of combustibles should be on fire, to permit a portion to drop through into the cellar. Around this box, paper shavings, shingle shavings, oiled paper, and a variety of combustible articles, were disposed; and in order to prevent the smoke from the candle from circulating through the room, forcing its way out of the crevices, and of thus attracting the attention of the passersby, a pipe had been made and adapted to the chimney, for the purpose of conveying the smoke up the chimney.

Further, the various turpentined wicks, passing from the candle through the sides of the canister, were carried through holes cut in the floor for the purpose, to the second story—and here again papers were strewed, in order to be nicely disposed to take fire, and trains of combustible matter arranged, clearly with the object of destroying, not only the house, but every article it contained. In the second story, for example, in order to allow the incendiary an opportunity of sawing through the floor, in a convenient room, and of thus making a communication with the fire below, several chairs were placed off, and afterwards carefully replaced, with books, papers engravings, &c. upon them.—The candle was found burning, but it seems that the rogue was doomed to disappointment, in consequence of the slow progress made by the fire, or rather in consequence of the gradual decay with which it was attended. When discovered, not one fourth of the candle had disappeared—the papers in the immediate vicinity had taken fire, and a small portion of the adjoining wood work. At all events, ingenious and perfect as the system might have seemed, the house has not been destroyed, and the whole scheme of villany has been defeated. It is matter of congratulation that there we are unable to say, left town a week ago, and that the property in the house *was insured to the amount of six thousand dollars!!* The Mayor has ordered an examination of the premises, and an investigation of all the circumstances. Several hundred citizens visited the building yesterday, and examined the various preparations for the grand display of fire works.

Since the above was written, we have been informed that Mr *Thomas* Doughty has resided in Boston for the last year, and that Mr. *John* Doughty is the individual who of late occupied the house in Library st. He was seen in New York about a week ago. The Doughtys are the the publishers of the Cabinet of Natural History.—*Pennsylvania Inquirer.*

RIOT AT FAIRFIELD COUNTY JAIL.

The Bridgeport, (Ct.) Farmer, gives the following particulars of an attempt of the prisoners in Fairfield county jail, at Fairfield, to make their escape, and were prevented by the timely assistance of several young sportsmen of this city, who were spending a week at that place for the purpose of enjoying the fine shooting in the neighbourhood. They give a most horrid account of the filthiness and dilapidated state of the prison, three and four prisoners being chained in one cell, with the poorest of provisions, and little attention paid to those confined, who are badly and scantily supplied with the necessaries allowed by law—the jailor furnishing their rations by contract:

"On the night of the 30th June, an attempt was made by three of the prisoners to escape from Fairfield jail. In the early part of the evening, from some thing he had seen or overheard, Mr. Peck, the jailor, suspected that some design was to be attempted during the night. He therefore took the precaution to set up, after his family had retired, to watch the movements of the prisoners. About 12 o'clock he heard them commencing operations. He immediately called the assistance of a couple of men living with him, and after a hasty preparation, entered the room of the culprits, before they were hardly aware of his approach. On entering, he found each of the prisoners on his bed, apparently asleep. Leaving one of his men at the door, he proceeded to search the bandages and blisters from his body, made his escape from prison, and went to Philadelphia. From Philadelphia he wrote a letter to the high constable Mr. Hayes, describing in the most pitiable manner, his sufferings from disease, and the miserable condition of his wife on account of his being unable to contribute to her support. Besides, the letter contained the most solemn promises of reformation, if he could only obtain a pardon. The prisoner and an accomplice discovered that an Englishman in Rosevelt street had 5000 sovereigns in a certain part of the house, which they determined to rob him of, and Bowerhorn entered the house for the purpose at a late hour of night, when the family were in bed. The proprietor of the house had however, from some cause or other, removed the money from the place where he usually kept it, a day or two before the night in question, and Bowerhorn after searching for some time in vain, entered the bed-room, where the proprietor of the house and his wife were in bed and asleep. Finding his search still fruitless, he was determined to have at least something for his trouble, and actually took a pocket book with some money in it from under the woman's pillow on which she slept.—He had scarcely done so when her husband happened to awake, and seeing Bowerhorn in the room, leaped out of bed to seize the intruder. The proprietor of the house was an old man, and Bowerhorn immediately felled him to the floor, and then deliberately took two watches that were hanging on the mantel piece, extinguished a candle which was lighted in the room, and made his escape out of the window. Besides the many times that he has been in the prison of this state, he has also made several intermediate visits to the prisons in Philadelphia.

Boat the Charleston Courier, July 16.

SHIPWRECK.—The Pr. brig Edward Bolden, Capt. B. Fishburg, arrived off the bar yesterday afternoon, in 23 days from Lagoira. The Capt. was bound to Havre with a cargo of dyewood. The first night out in a gale, sprung the foremast and both lower masts, which caused them to make this port to refit. Five schooks yesterday afternoon, spoke one of our pilot boats. One of the pilots from her came on board and conquered her draft of water—was informed she drew 14 feet 6 inches. He informed the Captain he could not take charge of her in consequence of his branch being for low water, but directed him to another boat then near by, on board of which there was a full branch pilot. Capt. F. bore away and spoke him—requested him to come on board, which he refused to do, saying there is not water enough on the bar now. I will come to-morrow and bring you in. At half past 3 o'clock this morning, while lying off and on, going in stays, struck on the North breakers—beat over into deep water, and sunk. They had not time to save any thing, being indebted to the pilots of the Cora and Georgian (who took them off the wreck,) for a sufficiency of clothing to cover them.

SHIPWRECK.

Mr. J. S. Wilson, from Little Egg Harbor, states, that the British ship Henry Grattan, 30 days from Londonderry, bound to Philadelphia, with whiskey, 900 tons of coal, and 193 passengers, run ashore on Long Beach, (Little Egg Harbor,) on the 19th inst. A very heavy sea running at the time, the ship lifted shortly after grounding—the Captain succeeded in getting ashore to procure assistance—the mate had the mast cut away to keep the vessel from rolling.

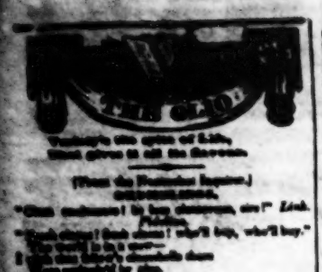
On Sunday, the 20th, the wreck master succeeded in landing all the passengers and crew on the beach. They are in great distress. One of the crew was badly hurt by the falling of the mast. The ship and cargo a total loss; sails and rigging saved in a damaged state.

Mr. Smith further states that the mate, while the master was below, took the ship's boat, with forty-six passengers, and started from the ship about six o'clock, on Saturday, without oars, rudder, or sail, for the beach. The current set them in and over the breakers. The boat was guided by a blanket held by four of the passengers in lieu of a sail. They went through all the breakers without striking, and succeeded in landing safe at Tucker's Island at ten o'clock the same night—all safe. The cabin passengers were Messrs. Eden and Matthewson.

SHAME OF A BOW.—A gentleman who attended the Methodist Church in Orange, N. J. on Sunday last, states that no little amusement was produced by some remarks of the preacher connected with the present "all absorbing subject." The preacher, who was a stranger and foreigner, unfortunately digressed from the natural current of his discourse, to make some remarks on the character and rights of coloured persons, to which the audience seemed to have no particular objection, but which were of course greatly practised upon, about intermarriages. Finally he said that if two "ladies" should be presented to him from which he must select a wife, one of them white, with a bad disposition and violent temper, and the other black, but of mild and amiable temper, he should certainly, under the circumstances, reject the former. The colored ladies in the gallery blushed and laughed immediately, while the topaz part of the audience exhibited great indignation, and several left the house,—which the officiating clergyman said he considered a high insult. After service, the trustees closed the doors, and placed on them a notice that there would be no service in the afternoon. During the evening a paper was many collected in groups, expressing their opinions of what ought to be done, but nothing was done inconsistent with the honorable character of the town.—*N. Y. Jour. Com.*

THE CONSTITUTION OF HAYTI.—Extract of a letter from an officer on board the United States ship Falmouth, dated Harbor of Hayti, June 30: "There is nothing new in this island that we can learn: the blacks are, or appear to be, favorably disposed towards the people of the United States. The city, which once contained 60,000 people, during the French dynasty, is now in a ruinous state, and can with difficulty count 5000, including a portion of Boyer's standing army. At the time of the negro insurrection, and the general massacre, this large island was a perfect garden; but most of the then flourishing coffee and sugar plantations have been suffered to perish, owing to the indolence of the blacks. The French formerly exported from this island large quantities of sugar, but now they do not raise sufficient for home consumption. The capital of Hayti, many splendid buildings of stone, crumbling to pieces for the want of a few day's labor; not more than one tenth part of the buildings are occupied. The streets were once beautifully paved, and had commodious sidewalks, but, like every thing else here, they are going to ruin. In short, the blacks do not seem to care for any thing but eat, drink and sleep. There are to be found here many men of opulence, and some few who have been liberally educated, and are truly very intelligent, but the large majority are but little better informed than the same number of monkeys."

FATAL AFFRAY.—The Norfolk Beacon of Friday, furnishes the particulars of a fatal affray in Hampton, Va. between Major John B. Cooper, and Mr. Thomas B. Allen, which is said to have grown out of affairs of the Hampton Academy. Mr. Allen came into Hampton on Wednesday from his residence in York county, with his wife and children, and stopped at the house of Mr. Collier, with a design of taking a trip to to the Capes in the steamboat Old Dominion, which was going on a party of pleasure, but business prevented, and he remained with his family and dined at Mrs. Collier's. Shortly after dinner, Mr. Allen wal



"Ladies' Cabinet." Lish.

"Cash, cash! Cash, cash! who'll buy, who'll buy."

"Fresh oysters! fresh oysters!"

"Fresh herrings! fresh herrings!"

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